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### REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON IMPROVING HEALTH FINANCE SYSTEMS

On June 9-10, Ministry of Health RK jointly with USAID ZdravPlus project conducts a workshop on improving health finance systems in Akmolinsk Oblast for seven Oblasts of Northern and Central Kazakhstan under the direction of Nussupova Asem Bekovna, Vice-Minister of Health. The representatives of National Analytic Center under the Government RK and national scientific centers as well as international organizations attend the workshop.

Ministry of Health RK and ZdravPlus have conducted the regional workshops on urgent questions of health finance systems improvement since 2002 with the participant of health departments' heads and their deputies, information systems specialists and heads of largest health facilities. The workshops are very popular among health community, health officials and economists.

The workshop of 2008 focuses on the following topics:

- Strategic Plan of MOH RK;
- Draft of Code of Health of Nation and Health Care System;
- Methodology of increasing health facilities' level of self-independency;
- Improvement of tariff policy;
- Main WB parameters of technologies transfer and institutional reforming in health care system;
- Improvement of drug supply system.

Representatives of mass media and press service of MOH are invited to the workshop to cover fairly the reforms and form positive attitude of population towards achievements that took place in health care system.

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